

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

There are enclosed Replacement sheets replacing the drawing already on record.

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

1. The priority claim acknowledgment in paragraph 12 of PTOL-326 is appreciated.

2. Claim 11 has been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a nonelected invention and has been so marked. Applicants reserve the right to place the method subject matter in a divisional application and prosecute it there.

3. The objection to the drawing has been noted and four replacement sheets provided herewith.

A change is not required with respect to claim 5 since that claim is no longer in the case. The insulator 3 does have two rings 5, 6. It does have one ring (6) which is received in a bulge (13) and the sheet metal member 9 does have two bulges 11 and 13 in the illustrated embodiments.

4. The replacement sheets show the insulator 3 properly hatched.

5. Claims 1 to 10 have been replaced by new claims 12 to 15. Claim 15 corresponds to claim 6 written in independent form. That claim was considered by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter and outright allowance of claim 15 is thus in order.

6. Claims 12 to 14 have been modified from the original claims to eliminate reliance upon method features. The fact that the conductive member 9 is composed of sheet metal, however, is a structure limitation.

The new claims call for a contact pin (4) which has a tubular portion and a contact portion as shown and in which the tubular portion 4a receives a conductor. The contact portion 4b is surrounded by the portion 10 of the insulator 3 the define the annular space 10a and the contact pin can be connected to a conductor of the coaxial cable.

The insulator (3) has at least the two rings (5,6) to which reference was made previously and the sheet metal member

surrounds, up to the end, the insulator 3 and has the two bulges (11, 13) as well as the lug 14 which allows connection to the coaxial cable.

The new claims 12 to 14 are not suggested by Banning and are not anticipated by that reference. True, a claim should be read as broadly as it can be read for that purpose of examination and the Examiner has indeed read the original claims very broadly but the Banning reference does not have a sheet metal sleeve surrounding the insulator as the claims now require and thus does not structurally meet the new claims no matter how broadly they may be interpreted. While the sheet metal member is used in Karlovich, thereto, the reference cannot be read on claim 12 as it stands. Looking to Forney Jr. et al and McGee, the same may be said. Accordingly, claims 12 to 14 must be deemed to be free of anticipation by the art.

With respect to the combination of McGee and Krause et al, Applicant respectively submits that merely modifying the bulges and rings of these references would not lead to the structure now recited and thus an obviousness rejection cannot stand either.

Claims 12 to 14 are allowable together with claim 15 and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

A petition for an automatic three month extension of the term and a charge form applying the fee to the charge card of the undersigned is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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